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1. ON OCTOBER 4-5, NORWAY'S SOCIALIST LEFT PARTY (SV) CAME ONE STEP CLOSER TO SPLIT. SV'S NATIONAL COUNCIL MET AND ADOPTED STATEMENT APPEALING TO COMMUNIST (NKP) CONGRESS WHICH ASSEMBLES AT END OF OCTOBER TO REAFFIRM AGREEMENT MADE AT SV'S APRIL CONGRESS TO DISSOLVE SV'S MEMBER PARTIES DURING 1976 AND THEIR NEWSPAPERS DURING 1975. COUNCIL SUGGESTED THIS MEANT NKP SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CEASE RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS OR SUBSCRIBERS, AS URGED BY SV'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER. COUNCIL DECLARED THAT NKP CONGRESS' FAILURE TO REAFFIRM SV APRIL CONGRESS DECISION WOULD CONSTITUTE A BREAK WITH SV..IF SV NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AFTER NKP CONGRESS DETERMINES THAT NKP

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HAS BROKEN WITH SV, IT WILL CALL A NEW SV CONGRESS

IN JANUARY 1976 AND SUGGEST THAT IT DECLARE MEMBERSHIP IN SV AND ANY OTHER PARTY MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE AFTER AN ESTABLISHED DATE. SV'S NATIONAL COUNCIL APPEALED TO NKP'S CONGRESS TO PUT LEFTIST UNITY AHEAD OF PARTY INTERESTS AND AFFIRMED THAT, WHATEVER NKP DECIDES, SV WILL REMAIN A PARTY FOR ALL--SOCIALISTS OR COMMUNISTS WHO WILL JOIN TO DEVELOP SV AS THE (ONLY) PARTY UNITING LEFTIST FORCES.

2. SV NATIONAL COUNCIL DECLARATION CAME IN RESPONSE TO RECENT NKP NATIONAL COUNCIL DECISION TO RECOMMEND TO NKP CONGRESS THAT SV APRIL CONGRESS AGREEMENTS BE REPUTIDATED TO EXTENT THAT BOTH NKP AND NKP NEWSPAPER FRIHETEN COULD MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE INDEFINITELY. COMMUNISTS ON SV NATIONAL COUNCIL WERE SPLIT ON STATEMENT, WITH NKP CHIARMAN REIDAR LARSEN, SV SECRETARY RUNE FREDH AND OSLO CITY COUNCILWOMEN-ELECT KARI KROMAN AMONG MAJORITY FAVORING MERGER OF NKP INTO SV AND SV VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARIT BERNTSEN AND NKP TRADE UNION SECRETARY KOLBJORN HARBU AMONG THOSE VOTING AGAINST.

3. COMMENT: NEXT STEP IS NKP CONGRESS LATE THIS MONTH, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO VOTE TO KEEP NKP AND FRIHETEN INTACT. BALL WILL THEN BE IN SV'S COURT, WHETHER TO THROW NKP MEMBERS OUT OR FIND A COMPROMISE. IF THEY ARE THRONW OUT, IT WILL THEN BE UP TO SV STORTING REPRESENTATIVES, LARSEN AND AUD GUSTAD, CITY COUNCILWOMAN KROMAN AND OTHER PRO-MERGER COMMUNISTS TO CHOOSE WHETHER THEY WILL GO WITH THE SV OR NKP. WHATEVER HAPPENS, FORMATION OF COMMUNIST BREAK-AWAY GROUP WITHIN SV OR SUBMISSION OF NKP CHAIRMAN AND SUPPORTERS TO MAJORITY RULE IN NKP, NORWEGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY WEAKENED BY FACTIONAL INFIGHTING , AND SV POPULARITY HAS SUFFERED BY EVIDENCE OF DISUNITY ON THE LEFT.

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